STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-26 are in condition for allowance.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 27-31 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hui U.S. Pat. No. 6,589,267.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-26 are allowable.

Applicant hereby responds to the Examiner's objections and rejections as described below.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present Application is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 27-31 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Hui (U.S. Patent No. 6,589,267). Without conceding to the characterization, Applicant has herein cancelled the identified claims in order to allow the presently allowable claims to issue. Applicant reserves the right to refile the presently cancelled claims in a separate application.

Remaining Claims

The Examiner has indicated that all of the remaining claims of the patent application are in allowable condition. Accordingly, Applicant believes that Applicant has complied with all of the demands of the present Final Office Action, and accordingly, Applicant believes that the Final Office Action has been traversed, and the application is in condition for allowance.
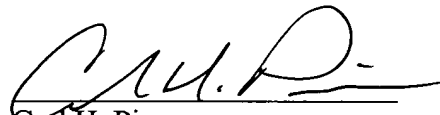
CONCLUSION

Wherefore, Applicant believes he has addressed all outstanding grounds raised by Examiner and respectfully submits that the present case is in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any questions or outstanding matters, Examiner is cordially invited and requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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